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1 Claims remaining after amendment.

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Office Action mailed September 23, 1999, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on December 23, 1999.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 2, line 23, delete the comma after "see";

On page 3, line 25, change "are" to --is--;

On page 5, line 22, change "are" to --is--;